



Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting #5
February 22, 2021 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Agenda

5:00-5:10 Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair at 5:01 p.m. Welcome given by Chair Jimmy Brown. Facilitator Kim Marshall announced the resignation of Board Member Sheherazade Weyland, and that staff is working on a plan to fill the vacant seat.

Chair Brown instructed staff to do roll call.

Name	Role	Present?
Jimmy Brown	Community Representative	X
Thurman (Lee) Landers	Community representative	X
Patty Lofgren	Community representative	X
Justin Low	Community representative	X
Danny Rauda	Community representative	
Valerie Sasaki	Community representative	X
VACANT	Community representative	-
John Gerhard IV	Alternate: Community representative <i>Non-Voting Member</i>	
Jeff Mott	Alternate: Community representative <i>Non-Voting Member</i>	X
Jamey McDonald	Police Chief/Designee	X
Nick Nunn	Tigard Police Officers' Association (TPOA)	X
Shelby Rihala	City Attorney	X
Michael O'Brien	Municipal Court Judge	X
Abdi Mohamoud	President of THS Black Student Union (BSU)/Designee	
Emilio Calderon	Tigard Youth City Councilor	X
Liz Newton	Tigard City Councilor	X
John Trinh	Licensed Mental Health Professional	X

Roll call finished. Chair Brown introduced Steve Rymer, Tigard City Manager who joined the organization on February 1. City Manager Rymer had not met the PSAB.

City Manager Rymer thanked the group for their work thus far and shared that the board came up throughout his research while applying for the job. He is looking forward to moving the community on these issues in a way that works for everyone involved. Getting the boards thoughts is crucial as we move through the topics. City Manger Rymer expressed he is open to having conversations, answering questions.

City Councilor Liz Newton shared that Rymer's DEI work is nationally recognized from his time at Rochester, MN. She encouraged the board to reach out to Rymer to learn more about the work he did in Rochester, MN.

Board Member Valerie Sasaki: One concern was that you are not obviously a diverse candidate. I want to hear about your DEI experience.

City Manager Rymer: DEI was part of the conversation at Morgan Hill and Rochester before this topic was being addressed on a broader scale. Rymer shared that he surrounds himself with members of the community who are engaged with these conversations. Recognized his own weaknesses through personal DEI journey. He wants for everyone on the Tigard team to have the opportunity to move through their DEI journey.

Rochester tried to take a different approach: Co-design process for transportation, Downtown parking plan. The community committee brought their experience to inform design work at city projects. Please follow up with any further information requests about DEI experience.

Chair Brown thanked Board Member Sasaki for her question.

5:10-5:25 Icebreaker

Kim explained that the icebreaker is a necessary component for fostering collaboration/community.

No policy or business of the Board was discussed during this time. Members and staff answered the following questions in breakout rooms:

- Where is your favorite place to visit in Oregon and why?
- What is something you have done during the pandemic that you haven't done before?

5:25-5:40 Public Comment

No public comment submitted before the meeting. No requests to give comment.

Chair read the expectations for the public and directed them to tigard-or.gov/psab for instructions on how to add comments in the future.

Board Member Patty Lofgren and Chair Brown thanked Board Member Sasaki for the comment on the Police Oral Board. Board Member Lofgren will be joining the Police Oral Board in the coming week so she especially appreciated the note.

5:40-6:20 Centering Racial Equity Discussion

March 31 is the deadline to present the topic schedule to the City Council.

Facilitator Marshall introduced the topic of centering racial equity:

- Book discussion about *So you want to talk about race* will take place at the next meeting, and upcoming ones if needed.
- Encourage public comment from new members of the community. Create space for underrepresented groups.
- Socio-economic status should also be considered; Recognize intersectionality (several Board Members expressed agreement with this idea).
- Board Member Justin Low said he is getting feedback from peers. The Board should get time for report backs; encourage sharing from the board members.
- Board Member Jeff Mott wants to specifically outline how recommendations tie back to racial equity by answering questions such as who is affected? How will this impact their lives?
- Chair Brown asked, how do we ensure we are walking the walk, talking the talk? Answering questions how systems are being improved for people in Tigard. Demonstrate progress.
- Chief Kathy McAlpine agreed with Chair Brown.
- Students need to be included in these conversations, especially when talking about issues relevant to them (i.e. School Resource Officers).
- The Chief offered a reminder to folks that there is a group working on the future of the SRO program. Perhaps that group (or Commander McDonald) can give updates on that matter.
- Councilor Newton: Centering discussion every week. Give personal stories of how people are being impacted. How do these things look in the real world? Do our recommendations make things better for the people who have been disproportionately affected?
- Ensuring that we are hitting the topic of racial equity every meeting.
- Lee: It sounds like there's a lot of talk of engaging the public but, can board members share their personal experience?
- Facilitator Marshall: Personal experience comments are more than welcome.
- Any way that we can bring people's voices here would be beneficial. We want to hear their version of the story/context.
 - What do city employees think about racial equity?
- Board Member Lofgren: Social and politically. Do we want to include other isms?
- The Board concluded that discussion will encompass many areas. Staff to develop new structure to center and give time for racial equity conversations.

6:20-6:50 Public Engagement Expectations and Strategy Discussion

Questions and groups that were brought up to address/involve:

- What communities do you engage with?
- What communities do you bring to the table?
- Do we have connection to MET? – Board Member Lofgren offered help to establish the connection.

- Leadership Tigard is also a group that we can connect with.
- Tigard-Tualatin student group – Youth Councilor and Tigard High School Black Student Union President will reach out to this group.
- Board Member O'Brien mentioned Rules of the Road column/cityscape e-newsletter
- TTSD, Tigard Youth Advisory Council
- Business Community should be included as they are also impacted in various manners
- Oregon Women Lawyers, APANO, Black Lawyers, other affinity groups in the bar association

Chair Brown mentioned that police engagement needs to consider varying needs and equitable engagement. Brown also served on the budget for TTSD.

Oregon Council for Behavioral Health

Oregon Public Broadcasting – Board Member Lofgren has connections. We could have the conversation with radio host Dave Miller on projects/topics related to PSAB.

- St. Anthony's, Unite Oregon
- CPO, 4b
- Coalition of Black Men – Membership is found throughout the metro region but could still benefit our conversations.
- Black employee network – Board Member Mott can try to connect with that group.

Staff will type up the list and check in with the Board to see how engagement is going.

Board Member Sasaki suggested that the Board should coordinate outreach efforts. Perhaps use social media such as NextDoor to connect with our neighbors. Learn from City staff success on social media to share information.

Board Member Lofgren asked: Can we organize an outreach event? Who do we direct the public to?

Facilitator Marshall: We will create a deliverable for board members such as "Seven things you should know about the PSAB." This will be available by the next meeting

- Councilor Newton: Give people advance notice about what we are discussing. This strategy seems to attract more public comment based on Council efforts.
- Bulletin Boards around City to increase engagement with individuals who are not on social media or online in general.

6:50-7:00 Wrap Up and Next Steps

Please send your request for the book *So you want to talk about race* to Staff Liaison Eduardo Ramos. The Board will discuss the book at the next meeting. Next meeting, we will approve the work plan—it will include all of tonight's feedback.

Facilitator Marshall gave a snapshot of upcoming meetings. Councilor Newton mentioned that we should advertise the meeting topics.

Staff should follow up with people who have previously expressed interest in a topic. Chair Brown said that we should reengage the people who originally called for the creation of a Board and addressing racial equity.

Chief McAlpine: We are moving fast on the body cam issue because it is becoming clear that we need that equipment. We will be going to council to request funding for these cameras; faster than we can seek the PSAB seal of approval.

PSAB members would like to have a deeper discussion than just a yes/no answer to body cams.

Chair Brown: I was totally impressed with the conversation. When you put things out there for people to see. There is no surprise we are all on the PSAB. The PSAB members are connect to the community and we will all benefit from that. I have been a part of many boards, but this really stands out. Thank you all for your contributions. Thanks to all the staff, and Valerie for your contributions. Lee, please keep your contributions coming. We really appreciate them.

Board Member Sasaki Motion to Adjourn.

Board Member Lofgen second.

No further discussion.

Unanimous Approval.

Meeting adjourned.